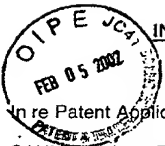


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) Composition for the oxidation dyeing of keratinous fibres, comprising, in a medium appropriate for the dyeing of the said fibres:
- at least one oxidation base;
  - and at least one coupler chosen from the compounds of following formula (I)
- and/or their addition salts with an acid:

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